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Esterification of Sorbitol With : DANI-0005USCON
Fatty Acids :
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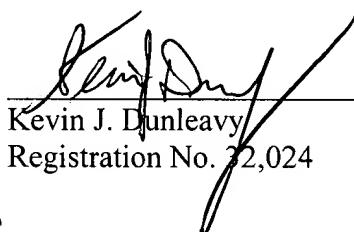
The references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in the European Search Report from a counterpart foreign application dated December 2, 2004.

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